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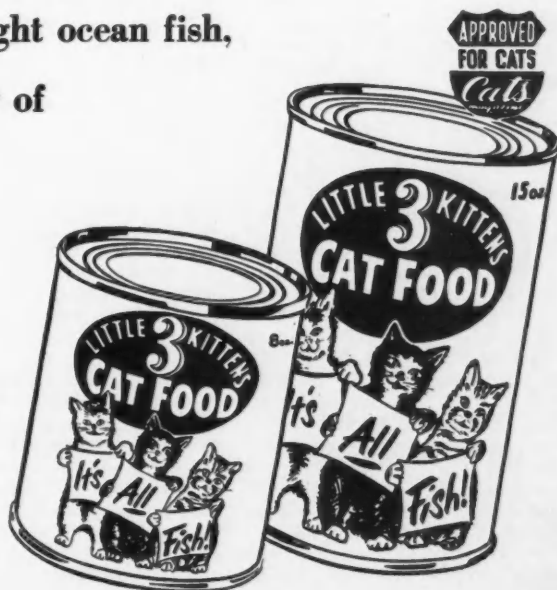
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The Readers Always Write



THE JACOB'S LADDER

Dear Editors:

Here you see how our four kitties get in and out the house. "We live on the second floor of our own house. I was truly worn out running up and down the stairs letting the cats in or out, but, my husband solved the problem by putting up the 'Jacobs ladder'—as we call this highway.

Outside the kitchen window he fastened a shelf with a low board around one end and side. This we call the patio. In good weather the cats love to sit there sunning themselves as well as taking in the various activities in the neighborhood. Also, it is a place of safety from pursuing enemies as strange cats do not attempt the highway. Whenever I wish to have them come in, I ring a little bell which they eagerly obey. At first I gave them a reward (usually a yeast tablet) for coming, but they soon learned the convenience of the ladder.

Not only do the cats and I benefit from the ladder but our neighbors get much pleasure from watching the traffic there.

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HELP WANTED

Dear Editors:

It was a wonderful day in my life when I discovered CATS Magazine. I have always been very fond of cats and it seems as though I find few here with a similar interest. I look forward to reading about people who love and cherish their cats as I do mine.

I have several cats, all individuals who respond to their names. I also have a problem. I have a neighbor who considers my cats nuisances because of her garden. I have always tried to see that they annoyed no one, but she insists that I must keep them penned.

I would appreciate some kind reader, or cattery owner to advise me on the most economical, yet most pleasant, way to confine my pets. I have no salary, I just earn board and keep, so I must find a way to keep my cats on the premises without involving much equipment.

Charlotte Alger

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PLANNING AN ADOPTION?

Dear Editors:

On a number of occasions, we have brought home a kitten to take its place among our other cats. It is always interesting to note the manner in which the strange kitten is received by the older cats.

Almost invariably it runs this way. We have a large black cat named Jacky and the first day he merely avoids the kitten. In a few days, he is friendly enough to eat and sleep with her.

On the other hand, our spayed female cat, Sweetie Pie, gives a very superior glance at the kitten and shows clearly by her manner that she will not be bothered with the new kitten. She also refuses to eat until the newcomer is finished. It is not too long, however, before peace reigns among the cats. Still no familiarity is allowed by Sweetie Pie.

I notice too, that Sweetie Pie—always on my lap or shoulder before the addition—takes quite a while before she will again show signs of companionship and forgiveness. Once reconciled, she and the kitten romp like old friends and she even brings in live mice as presents to the little one.

Our dogs are more understanding and welcome the kitten from the moment she arrives. In no time, Teddy, the small dog actually plays with her. They even take naps together. The other dog Butch, allows her to make a plaything of her tail.

Alice R. McArdell

Bacon Hill, R. D. #1
Schuylerville, New York

HEAR, HEAR!

Dear Editor:

Yesterday I attended a Cat Show in Des Moines, Iowa. While I was there I came across a CATS Magazine and was thoroughly delighted with it. I am also a horse lover and subscribe to various magazines in order to keep 'in the running' but dislike their commercialism and their deviation from the basic horse.



WITH WHICH IS COMBINED

ALICE GRAYDON PHILLIPS'

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COVER

SIXTEEN KITS! No, it's really a "double exposure"—two shots of the same lovable Cats of Dalai Seal Point Siamese litter. Virginia Daly of 1610 Harvard Road, Berkley, Michigan, is breeder of the kits; the photo is the work of the husband-and-wife team of Muzzie (of course) Nelson, 11701 Lakepointe Avenue, Detroit 24.

Your magazine has exactly what I want—stories, poems, informative articles and information on where to get more cats. I definitely like the way you stay close to your subject, and will be looking forward to receiving it regularly.

Rebecca L. Weber

New Sharon, Iowa.



HOLD THAT POSE!

Dear Editors:

Couldn't help sending in the picture of Squeaky making like a 'cover girl.' WE wish we could read her mind.

Mrs. Barbara Pilger

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THE HOUR OF INCISION

By John Undseth

The white cat, named Luna because of her pure, moon-like whiteness, had reached the age when we had to decide whether or not to have her shifted into neutral. The final verdict was against her femaleness; and after saving up the veterinarian's fee and making an appointment, we left her at the animal hospital one anxious morning. Luna was break-fastless by the vet's orders; we just hadn't felt like eating.

That afternoon I went back to find out how she was doing and, if possible, to have a look at her. But the veterinarian's assistant told me that the morning schedule had been unusually heavy. Our white cat was just being put under anesthetic.

"I'd like to see her," I said, feeling somewhat foolish about it, as though there is something ridiculous about being concerned over the welfare of a beloved pet.

The assistant was obliging. "Certainly," he said, adding, "in fact, if you'd like to watch us operate, you are welcome to stay."

We went into the compact, immaculate operating room.

Now, our Luna's a rather self-contained cat, and her moments of affection are all the more tender for that aloofness. As I looked at her stretched out on the cool, white-enameled table, I remembered her purring herself into my lap and brushing her whiskers against my chin. The memory seemed long ago and almost alien. . . . Her front legs were fastened together with a band, as were her hind legs. The bands were fastened to either end of the operating table, stretching her out full length and making her longer than I'd ever known she was. She lay on her left side, and a narrow strip of fur had been shaved away along her right foreleg. The exposed skin had been painted with a garish-colored disinfectant; and it was there that the hypodermic needle entered her. The vet was carefully working at making the cat immune to the pain that was to come. From time to time

Luna writes Dr. Renaux: "I recently met a most attractive young tom cat. Tell me, dear Doctor, should I let him know about my operation?"



he touched his fingertips to her nearly-closed eyes.

"When the reflex goes there,"—he indicated the eye-slits—"your cat will be under and I'll begin the actual operation."

There was something unutterably terrible about seeing her lying so still, so far away, forced by the drug to retreat such a great distance within herself that even the knife entering her living flesh would not be felt. This beautiful white cat, such a completely alive creature, was now reduced to a small, steady flame that burned on dimly somewhere deep and distant inside of the pitiful and almost unfamiliar form stretched upon the white table. The glowing fire of her life was temporarily and thoroughly banked.

I thought there was relief in the vet's voice when he announced, at last, "Well, she's under."

He used a sort of electric razor to clean an area about two inches square on her right side far back, just before where the leg begins. As he shaved away the soft, white fur, he explained, "A cat's belly muscles are strong, but they are also very thin. There is some danger of a rupture later on if I go in that way. The side muscles get less strain, so even though the operation is more difficult, I prefer to do it this way. Once the stitches are out, she will be able to climb trees with no danger of a rupture." I made a noise of agreement.

The shaved area on Luna's side was carefully and thoroughly painted with the disinfectant. As he swabbed it on, the vet explained some more. "We have to be very careful of infection. Otherwise there'd be those successful operations after which the patient dies."

He took a sterile knife, scalpel, he called it, and prepared to cut. He looked at me first, and perhaps noting a certain paleness, remarked, "The door behind you is the one to go through if you get sick." I thanked him but resolved not to need it.

The keen edge entered cleanly, like nothing so much as cutting a rare and rather fatty steak. There was surprisingly little blood, just the raw, gaping flesh and the scalpel slicing into the living substance of the cat. The opening was about an inch long.

Then came the probing and searching

of the cat's inner mechanism with blunt-ended tweezers, and the drawing forth, finally, of what resembled a pale bean attached to an inch or so of wet, heavy red yarn—but there was the great, fundamental difference that what the vet held was alive, a part of the total aliveness of the cat, Luna.

He indicated the bean. "This is one of her ovaries. And the kittens would have begun in this tube," the short, red string. He took a scissor-clamp from the assistant and crushed it across the farthest end of the tube from the ovary. "That was the critical pain," he said. "But she didn't respond, so the anesthetic is working well."

There was cutting and sewing, the curiously skillful snipping and needle-work of the surgeon.

More probing followed, and the pulling out of the other ovary and tube. The clamp. The needle. The snip.

"Well, it's over."

"Yes, I said, 'it's over.'" The screaming wound in her side was sewed up. First the inner muscles were threaded together, then the outer skin was neatly fastened.

The assistant untied the cat and carried her out, limp, hanging in his arms like something fresh dead. The vet asked me what I thought of it as he scrubbed his hands. I said it was all very interesting. And I got out of there.

For the rest of that day I talked a little too loudly, laughed with unnatural heartiness. Even my movements seemed loose and extravagant. I think these reactions came because as I watched the operation, I had worn one of the conventional masks, the one labeled: Interested Spectator; and all the while something inside of me suffered and wept and screamed. The something had almost gone unnoticed.

Also, I had helped to decide that the body of the beloved cat must be cut open to rob it of its primary purpose. The burden of guilt weighed heavily.

But the world's the world, cats are cats. And Luna's a more comfortable pet now (I don't know whether she's really more comfortable, but we certainly are). Her hair has grown back and the stubborn stains of the antiseptic have finally

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Another view of Luna, the innocent young lass. She's demure with a purr.

FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

COLLECTED BY ANNE METCALF

THE OUTCAST!

(Dedicated to Unwanted Cats)

He dreams of home so cozy warm,
Rich cream, so cool and sweet,
Fresh fish and meat, soft loving pats,
A friendly cushioned seat.
He yearns for balls of colored yarn
Gay spools with which to play,
High childish voices calling him
A happy place to stay!
He dreams of home so cozy warm
As water soaks his skin;
Harsh angry threats scare him away,
Stark hunger gnaws within;
Fierce, stronger felines wound him deep
And night looms dark and cold;
The ground is freezing weary feet
He suddenly feels old.
He dreams of home where he was loved
And wonders why they fled,
And left him lonely and forlorn,
No home, no food, no bed!

—Margie Zimmerman

HEP CAT

My Thomas cat is lazy,
He will not catch a mouse.
Well man, he isn't crazy,
There's cat food in the house.

—Eve Braden

COUNTRY KITTEN

He did not know the danger
Of a busy city street—
Of lumbering trucks and motor cars
And so his tiny feet
Strayed far afield on alien ways,
But somehow GOD was kind
And led him to a friendly door,
With love and food behind.
So now he is a city cat
Behind a high brick wall—
The fragrant fields and country lanes,
He misses not at all.

—Vivian Stratton

TENTH LIFE

Lithe and eager, crouching now
Below the iridescent bough,
He flattens, wriggles—then the
spring
Like a furred arrow from the string!
Oh, golden the celestial air,
With emerald catnip everywhere,
His personal ruby bowl of cream,
His personal cloud, to sun, to
dream. . . .

But now he prowls each pearly glen
Assuring all heaven that not again
Will gopher's demon head dare rise
The length and breadth of Paradise.

—Ethel Jacobson

The purring sound uttered by a contented cat when caressed is known to all; but the contrast between the animal when in this state, and when standing with arched back, ruffed tail and exposed teeth, spitting and snarling as at a dog, is perhaps more marked than in the case of any other creature.

—Domestic Cats, from A HANDBOOK TO THE CARNIVORA, by Richard Lydekker

CAT IN THE SUN (Siamese!)

How eagerly a cat will seek the sun
Follow where dust motes "dervish" . . .
one by one,
Flex claws . . . yawn pinkly,
Stretch out, LONG and tall,
Follow with sapphire eyes . . . a sun-
beam's cauld;
Here . . . is an ancient worshipper of fire;
Sacred in Temples, dwellt his honored
Sire:
Sleek pelted . . . velvet footed . . . crocus
eared,
See, how he shows
That HE was once, revered;
Proud as a tiger . . . beautiful and still
He takes the sun, as Royal creatures,
. . . will!

—mona gould

NICETY

Kitty's whiskers are gray silk
Tipped with dewdrop of new milk;
Kitty wipes each drop away
With her paws, then goes to play.

A fir tree grew by our back door,
And when it rained the night before,
Every tiny needle dripped
With silver rain the tree had sipped.
The little fir tree had to stay
Until sun came out awhile,
Kitty could go off to play;
bright smile,
The fir tree's prickly whiskers—
'cause

The little fir tree has no paws.

And washed quite clean with its

—Margaret Abbott

ADVENT OF KITTENS

Close at the root of a protecting tree
Where grasses bend above, secluding her,
She has elected to deposit her new brood.
No human-made selection would suffice
For this event! Irresistibly directing her.
Call of the wild is uppermost
At this most elemental rite.
Spring damp of earth, and dew above
Have not deterred her, nor the imminence
Of hostile visitor, not threatened storm.
This is her moment out of time.
And she must reign alone, supreme!

—Bessie Berg

ADMONITION TO A KITTY

Avaricious on my windowsill,
Strike again as many times as you
will
At elusive vine so near, so far, on
the screen,
But it on the other side; between,
The delicate mesh is challenge of
every spear
Of your paw, each tense flick of your
ear
To ferret the movements of evening
that balk, invite
With each mysterious leaf in the
tempting night.
There is much to covet that ever
eludes our pouncing—
Just beyond the curtain of rapt
pronouncing.

—Ida Elaine James

WANTED:

Wanted: a kitten,
to sit by my door,
and bask in the sunlight,
that touches my floor.

to romp in my garden,
and swing on my gate,
and patiently greet me,
whenever I'm late.

to be my companion,
in whom I'll confide,
the things that I dream of,
with very great pride.

I'll interview gladly,
the prospects who call,
and if I could do it,
I'd hire them ALL!

—Pat McGlennon

Cats are mentally very near to us; their
brains function even as ours do, far as
we have risen above them in mental
powers.

—W. H. Hudson

MYSTERY

"Of course there is no heaven for
cats,"

My father said to me; and I, a child,
cried out,

"Then I don't want to go to heaven,
either."

Since, I have been owned by many
cats

Whose little feline ghosts
Have rubbed against my grief.

I have tried the ebony slits of doors
In their golden almond eyes,

But never entered in to know
What cats have learned of God

And will not tell, and will not tell.

—Margaret Secrist

BREEDING POSSIBILITIES INHERENT IN LONGHAIRS

By James D. McCrae

I. LONGHAIR SIAMESE

The choice of pets varies with the interest of the individual fancier. This provides conversation and, more important, excellent sources for the development of new types. A fancier feels she would like certain features combined into a new combination—and no difficulty becomes too great for a fan to gain the exact animal wanted. The new aggregation might involve certain features of the Abyssinians, the Silvers, the Siamese, and the Longhairs. So the fancier selects her foundation stock and makes the first cross. And, carefully following Mendel's Law, mates the siblings.

And it is at this point that the feeling of bewildered frustration sets in. Does it do any good to mate the grandchildren? Or must the hopefuls come from the matings of the first hybrids? And if you do mate the grandchildren—which ones should you use? The perplexed breeder surveys the dazzling assortment of first and second generation hybrids and becomes increasingly confused and frustrated as time goes by. There are certain procedures, however, which must be maintained in the typing of any new breed.

And there is no one road to follow in the creation of an original type. There are as many approaches to the problem as there are sources of the wanted aggregates. Suppose then—to demonstrate a definite approach while employing a number of sources—we consider the creation of a "Longhair Siamese." Then the steps in the typing of this animal are:

1. Decide the type of animal you want.
2. Estimate the aggregates involved in the creation.
3. Study the sources from which these aggregates may be drawn—while considering the color controls which dominate each.
4. Determine whether the factors tend to be dominant or recessive. If they tend to be recessive then the breeder must supply a greater amount of them than is required in the end result. This is true because it is easier to reduce a recessive aggregate than to increase it.
5. The importance of the aggregates is stressed in the reverse order of dominance, i.e., concentration on the most difficult first—the others will

Mr. McCrae is the author of "Experimental Breeding—The Genetics of the Feline," published last year. In part two of this article, to be published next month, he discusses the creation of a "Burmese Longhair" and other genetic possibilities of the Longhair.

This chart, by the author, diagrams his suggested breeding method for use in the development of a Seal Point Longhair Siamese of good color and type.

fall in line later. Thus—in this instance:

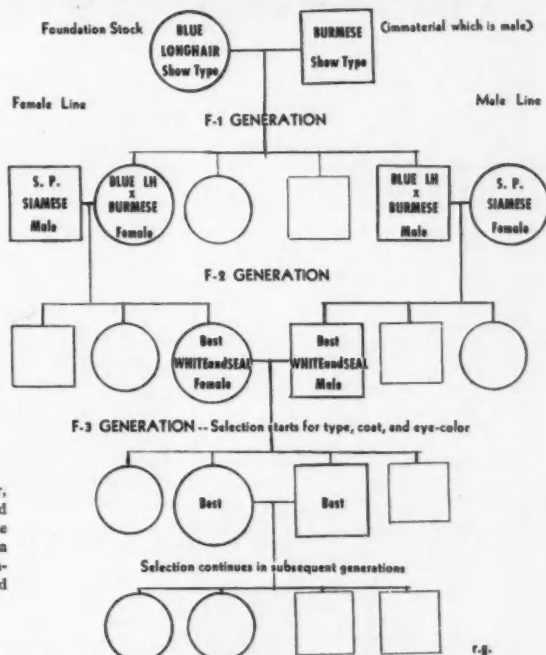
- a. color
- b. pattern
- c. type (body)
- d. coat (length)
- e. eye-color.

Once you have secured the seal and white mixture you will discover that the pattern will follow if you consistently mate the lighter seals; at the same time select for type and coat (length). Eye-color will be the last which you select—and you will have a great variety of colors at the start.

Mendel worked with a simpler combination of factors than those with which you will be dealing. Accordingly, you would not employ the F-2 generation (brother and sister issue of the first hybrid) in the direct line of breeding for the new creation. Here you encounter a condition known as *heterosis*. *Heterosis*, stated briefly, is a condition which occurs whenever two lines which differ in a number of factors are crossed. The issue is apt to show an increase in vitality, sturdiness and size. Unfortunately, once the desired cross is obtained, the parent stock cannot be discarded; the parent strains must be maintained in order to secure the desired hybrid. The F-1 to F-1 hybrid will not give the mixture of factors needed; unions will appear which will not resemble either of the original strains or their hybrid issue. The F-2 generations will show various combinations of both the inbred lines.

If we assumed that there is a difference of eight factors (and this is greatly underestimated for the project under dis-

OPTIMUM CHART FOR LONGHAIR "SIAMESE"



cussion) then you would have exactly one opportunity in 65,536 of succeeding in any trial of a sibling cross of the F-1 generation. If we were to assume the foundation stock was LH Tortoise-shell X Siamese cross, then, upon observing the ensuing litters of red tigers, brown tigers, and silver tigers (among the possible combinations), the bewilderment of the breeder is understandable. This individual is only watching the odds work out and he may have a long wait before the one chance occurs.

Consequently the breeder attempts to increase his opportunities by prejudicing the odds in his favor. This is accomplished by means of a second outcross as shown in the F-1 generation at the time the male and female lines are started. But first you must determine the color you wish to introduce to the points of your LH Siamese. And this introduces another question—what colors are available? The only colors which will be sufficiently striking to breed in the Longhair variety are Seal and Blue. Why?

The point color is controlled by the influence of the thermal factor on the right aggregation of white and seal or white and blue. Since any variation in body temperature would register a difference in the coat-color at the affected area, the presence of the *T*-factor could be determined by examination of areas where a known temperature variation exists. Then—without going into the detail behind the statement—the greatest normal variation of temperature is discovered, naturally, in the genital areas. There would be a pronounced difference in color;

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THE MEOWLESS KITTENS

By Fred Korotkin

My house is full of cats and kittens that never meow, scratch or fight. They never disturb the sleep of neighbors, chase one another or get chased by dogs. I've never seen one shed fur, and none has ever caught a mouse or a robin. When I return from a vacation they greet me with smiling faces and clever antics. And they are as unchanging as the pyramids.

These cats are precious. Each visitor likes and wants to know where they came from, and would like to have me sell or give away a few. I have almost every breed that saw sunlight or walked upon the face of the earth.

My cats and kittens are on picture post cards, and they're all beautiful photographs or art reproductions. They were printed in the United States, Belgium, Austria, England, Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany and other countries. A few are older cards that are now collectors' items, and cannot be replaced except through purchase or exchange with a post card dealer or collector.

Some are in series or sets. The Swiss "cat people" cards are drawings of cats and kittens in characteristic human poses including: bride and groom going on their honeymoon, mother nursing her child, taking a family portrait, playing leap frog in the school yard, pupil letting the canary out of a cage at school, overturning a fruit cart, running to catch a train, and a wedding anniversary showing the family gathering. Other scenes are included, too. I've been unable to acquire the complete series of these very human cards which amuse and warrant favorable comment from my friends every time.

The title of one card in another set is a giveaway of the nation of its origin. It shows three blue Persian kittens lined up waiting before empty saucers and is titled, "Tea-Time." Of course, it was printed in England.

I have one set of 25 cards showing portraits of kittens dressed like humans. A few show puppies, too. One illustrates a kitten trying on hats, and the clerk is a puppy. I've seen hats—on the order of the one the kitten is trying on—walking down the street with people wearing them! Other cards in this set show kittens exchanging the latest choice conversation over the back fence, hanging out the Monday laundry, and so forth.

Two cards in my collection are real rarities. Printed in Germany about 50 or 60 years ago, they are black-and-white photographs, hand tinted, with ribbons attached and green glass eyes inserted. In addition, they are paste-up, double-thickness cards.

About 60 years ago, when sending post cards was at its peak popularity, manufacturers vied with one another to produce cards that would outsell others of the same subject matter. Some were folded. Others were double-thickness, paste-up cards. Many were embossed or appliquéd. Numerous ones were "easel" cards or had ribbons, bows, lace attached. A few were even hand colored, tinsel, or were manufactured with inserts.

After many unhappy experiences, the post office department frowned on the newfangled, eliminate-the-competitor's cards, and clamped down. Today post cards are flat, surface-printed productions which can run through the cancelling machines without complications.

Because those older cards were short-lived, few were saved and they are real rarities today. Upon seeing one of those Victorian-era cards, a deltiologist (post card collector) will often offer the price of a good meal for it and will go away happy if he makes the purchase.

Collecting post cards is becoming more and more popular every day. They take up little room and make a nice collection.

Animal lovers who can't keep pets in an apartment or in a crowded city will often buy cat-and-kitten or dog-and-puppy cards to frame or mount in a album. Their appeal is so great that manufacturers change designs often and the older ones become desirable quickly.

You can buy them for framing or for collecting purposes by browsing around in art and novelty shops, department stores, some gift and antique stores and by ordering through the mail.

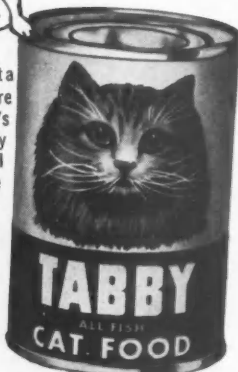


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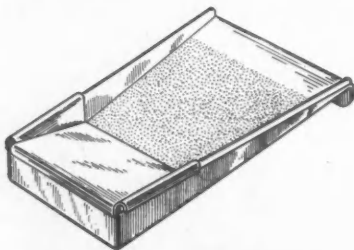
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SUMMER AND YOUR CAT

'Tips to
the Novice'
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Very soon the hot months of summer will be upon us, bringing discomfort not only to man but to our animal friends as well. We all have our own favorite methods of trying to beat the heat and we do our best to make ourselves as comfortable as possible, but what about our cats? Shouldn't we try to help them alleviate their warm-weather suffering? Now you ask just what can be done? Here at Gallahad, we do several things to bring comfort to our cats, and this article will explain some of them to you.

One year we installed a large fan. This did very well in circulating the air and was so installed as to draw the warm air out of the cattery. The only drawback was that it also pulled the warm air from the outside into the cattery. This idea would work very well if you could get cool air from somewhere. Its sole advantage was bringing in the cool night air to cool off the inside of the cattery, after the sun went down.

The following year we listened to the glowing words of an air-conditioning salesman, and we purchased one of his products. Yes, indeed, we were all set, we thought. It didn't take long to find out the unit was too small. In the morning it did a wonderful job but when the heat of the afternoon came on in its full fury the air-conditioner just wasn't ample. We now know that one twice the size will be necessary. If you decide to get an air-conditioner, it would be well to consult an expert along this line for it will save you money in the end.

Perhaps you may have wondered if the fan or the air-conditioner gave the cats colds. No, we did not have any difficulties with the health of the cats, they seemed to fare very well. One advantage of the air-conditioner was that even though the temperature did not get as low as we expected it did lower the humidity from the cattery and in doing so brought relief to the cats. You see, high humidity causes as much discomfort as the heat itself, and here in Pittsburgh we really suffer from the humidity.

Another thing to do to bring comfort is to use blinds on the windows. When the sun begins to come through, pull the shades down and this will help. If, in building a cattery, you take into consideration the location, you will find that if built among trees, the temperature will be several degrees lower. Or, you can locate it in such a way that it will not get the afternoon sun. The morning sun is good, but not the terrific heat of the afternoon sun. You may ask what about

the beneficial effect of vitamin D from the sun? Did you know that all the Vitamin D you need from exposure to the sun can be gained simply from your hand? Yes, that is all you need and this idea of suffering through scorchings to make your body tan all over is a waste of time and effort. The same thing can be applied to our cats, give them sun but do not par-boil them.

We also bring relief to the cats by beginning to clip the long fur in early March. It is a good idea to cut off the fur because it will only fall off anyway. You will not only alleviate suffering from the heat but will prevent hairballs. Hairballs are formed in the cat's stomach from the fur that is swallowed in cleaning itself. If the fur is long it rolls around in the stomach with the result that it forms a large clump of fur which remains in the stomach because it cannot pass out through the intestines. If the fur is kept short it will not form these clumps and will pass through. Yes, I know there is nothing more beautiful than a long-haired Persian but, if you do cut the fur off they will look as cute as little lambs. (Do not, however, clip the tail fur.)

Having the fur short will help in bathing the cats. I know some people do not believe in bathing the cats, but we do. Giving a bath occasionally makes the cats feel better. You may ask, doesn't this take away the natural oils from the fur? We do not believe it harms the fur in any way. My cats are always bathed and when they are presented at the shows, as their proud owner, I feel they are as beautifully groomed as any on display. They are white, beautifully white and the fur still glistens with a sheen. I would much rather present a white cat than a tattle-tale gray, (with apologies to certain soap advertising). The detergent Vel is my choice for bathing, but all shampoos "Approved for cats" do a very good job in making the fur fluffy and bright. Vel leaves no residue in the fur, and is the one detergent that leaves no "detergent burn" either on my skin or on the cats' skin. In bathing the cats you remove some of the excess heavy oil and grease just as you do in your own bathing. Don't you feel better after a bath? Well, the cats do too.

Speaking of heavy oil or grease brings us back to the tail. This is very important, for a Persian without a beautiful tail doesn't look like a Persian at all. In cutting off the fur for the summer do not take any fur off the tail. *Allow the tail fur to remain*, and when grooming the tail at any time, do it with care and gentleness. *If the tail fur is lost it will take a long, long, time to grow back again.* This brings us up to the so-called "Stud-Tail." Is there such a thing? What is it? It is believed by many that the heavy oil and grease formed at the base of the tail because of stud service. It is said that

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THE ROMANCE OF MAM CHA

By Edna Holway Jones

PART I

Mam Cha had always been such a lady. She has a sweet, gentle face, and a disposition to match. Her big blue eyes had always looked at life with innocent love.

But in the middle of a night, after we had been busy all day and really needed our sleep, she began to shout.

"I want to get married," she screamed. "I want to get married right away."

This was something so unheard of and shocking that I got up and went to talk to her where she hunched on the stairs, blue eyes blazing.

"But Mam Cha, you are too young," I began.

"You don't understand me," she shrieked. "I am no longer a child." Her voice rose to high C. "You don't realize! You baby me!"

There was no rest for us that night. We petted her. We gave her saucers of warm milk. We tried a short lecture on modesty. "This behavior is not seemly," we told her.

Finally we promised to get her a husband if we could find one in a sufficiently high station in life.

"You are an aristocrat Blue Point. You have papers. Your husband must be at least your equal," we insisted.

At last she was quiet and everyone slept, Mam Cha probably dreaming she was a grownup cat with a home of her own.

Next morning, no dishes were washed, no beds were made, because of Mam Cha's impatience for matrimony. We started early to find out whether there could possibly be a cat the equal of our Mam Cha.

When we came back we brought Ching. He was handsome, a Seal Point. His points were very dark brown, almost black. Mam Cha was entranced.

Ching walked around the room sniffing superciliously at our furniture. Mam Cha started to walk around the room too, a

little way behind Ching. Suddenly he turned, and with his heavy paw slapped her hard across her pretty face.

"I'll teach you," he growled, "who follows who—er—whom!" She did not rebel. Ching was the master. She sat down quietly in a corner and watched him worshipfully as he continued his examination of our house, which, it was plain to see he considered, if not slums, the next thing to them. We tried not to criticize him, because Mam Cha was in a daze of happiness.

Mam Cha's husband stayed three days, then leafed through his engagement book, and said he must be going. "Goodbye, now," he said to his wife, got into his car and was gone.

For a day or two Mam Cha wandered about, looking hopefully out of windows, now and then giving me a reproachful glance.

But after that she sat for hours in the sun, paws folded under, softly purring.

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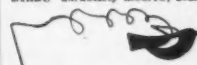


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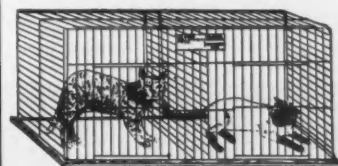
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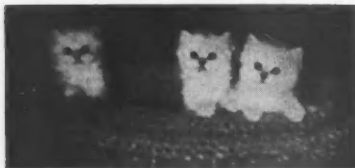
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practical, yes, but are poetic, too, in their
understanding. Her history of the cat is
interesting, and she gives good advice on
caring for cats. Most owners, however,
would hesitate to part the kittens from
their mother as early as five weeks, and
few veterinarians would have her faith
in garlic as a vermicide. Her unfamili-
arity with show cats is indicated by some
misinformation in the chapter on breeds
of cats, but overall she has done an ex-
cellent job in instructing and informing
the reader about the 29,000,000 feline pets
and personalities that live with us here in
America.

CATS, J. H. DeBeer. Charles T. Bran-
ford Co., Boston, Mass. 88 pp. \$2.00.
(Translated from the Dutch by L. Ohl.)

In his introduction to this little book,
the author states that he is just a cat
lover, pretending in no way to be an ex-
pert. Accepted on that basis, the book has
interest, particularly as it is the first
continental publication on cats to be trans-
lated and published in America in recent
years. There are good general directions
for caring for cats, and considerable ex-
position about the history of cats and their
relationship to man. The information on
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Cats Question Box

Conducted By E. A. Renaux, D.V.M.

Our kitty cats are very inactive—in fact, appear to be lazy. They are on a balanced diet, but both shed considerably and at times have very bad odors to their breath and bowel movements. At times they appear to be slightly constipated, have slight fevers and very poor appetites.

—L. M. Luthy

516 12th St., Rawlins, Wyoming

I would suspect that the diet is the culprit here. Feed a regular cat food and nothing else, especially no tid-bits or special little treats. About a teaspoonful of mineral oil or milk of magnesia might be given when necessary for sluggish bowel movements. Giving a multiple vitamin preparation might be helpful.

My four-month-old kitten has been making quite a few mistakes lately. I have tried everything I can think of, including having him altered, but to no avail. He usually goes to his tray with papers, but about twice a week makes a mistake. Have you any suggestions?

—Paul B. Burgess

123 Bennett Circle East, Elmira, N. Y.

Seldom will a cat that young give trouble. I would suggest that one of the urinary antiseptics be given to control any possible irritation of the urinary tract that may be contributing to his erratic ways. If this does not help, some hormone treatment could be tried.

When I lost my first kitten last year the veterinarian said it was due to a virus he had picked up in the pet shop, and that I should not get another cat for three months, and should then have it inoculated immediately. I did just as he said, but he gave it serum instead of vaccine because he thought it was too young. Shortly thereafter it became sick, and although he gave me medicine to administer every two hours, the kitten lasted only a day. How long should I wait to get a new kitten? Do you think the former one was "overmedicated"? Should I have all my rugs and furniture cleaned?

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—Mrs. S. Tsaganeas

From your very detailed letter I do not feel that your pet had been overmedicated. There was a lot of medication, but I would feel that it was all acceptable and rational treatment. If the rugs and rooms get a good bit of sunlight there probably would be no necessity to send them to be cleaned in order to kill any possible virus that might be there. As for a time limit in bringing young kittens into a house where there has been an infection, I am afraid it is quite a variable matter. Even if the virus could be eliminated from the premises, it would always be present outside in varying degrees and could be brought in to the animal. Whenever there has been such an infection present I believe that it is best to have a new pet given protective treatment as soon as possible no matter how long the premises have been free of pets.

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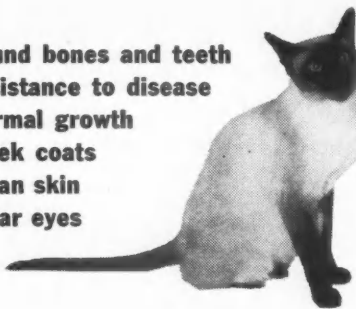
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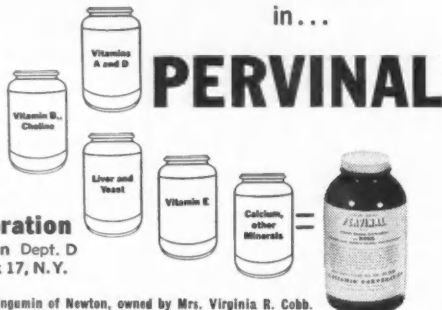
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Fanciers Forum

WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

... IN THE ORIENT

Dear Forum:

CATS Magazine is Fine! I especially appreciated Lois Day's letter captioned, "What Are We Doing?"

I began raising and selling Siamese cats twenty years ago in the Orient with cats directly from Siam, so I understand and appreciate all that she says and feels about the changing standards for these originally beautiful cats. I prefer the large, sturdy, strong Siamese cats of the Orient and think them more strikingly beautiful than those now favored here. I shall never cease to admire a ten- or twelve-pound Siamese male, nor to feel that he looks healthier, stronger, and more thrillingly wonderful than the smaller ones now being shown.

Of course, sentiment partially sways my judgment, for the large males remind me of the gorgeous Oriental Siamese cats I knew and owned in the happy pre-war days in the East.

My own personal preferences go a step further than Mrs. Day's, for I deplore even the passing of the kinky tail and the squint eyes that were so common and so desirable in the original Siamese. The peoples of the East take their legends very seriously, and we Americans who lived there also learned to love those pertaining to our cats. Then, too, one's own cat's squint or kink marked it as different from any and every other cat, for no two cats have exactly the same such characteristics.

Of course, I realize that if these were allowed for show purposes, the difficulties of fixing standards would be insurmountable, but why should small Siamese cats be considered more perfect than normal-sized Siamese? And are they as strong and as healthy as the larger ones used to be?

To change the subject, I must express my great appreciation to CATS Magazine for all the stories, pictures, editorials, letters, poetry, information, advice, and even the advertisements—all of which help to make CATS helpful and interesting, and will keep me a life-subscriber. Thanks, again.

Nellie K. Van Schaick

Van Acres, Route 5, Box 826
Tucson, Arizona.

... AND IN MICHIGAN

Dear Forum:

Three cheers for Lois Day (What Are We Doing?, March CATS). I'm glad to know that there are still some folks like her in the Siamese cattery field.

I hope breeders and judges wake up and realize the buying public's demands before it is too late! Not only are they ruining the true Siamese breed as God created it, but they are flooding the market with these tiny "mice-Siamese" that nobody wants. And with people who do not know the qualities of a true Siamese, they are creating an aversion, rather than a desire for this great cat.

I am not, and never have been a "breeder" of Siamese, although I have six of them. My oldest pair will celebrate their tenth birthdays this spring still in good health and still reproducing kits twice a year. The second pair are "going on five," and the "little ones" were three years old in November. But, having talked with, and seen what some of the "breeders" are doing with Siamese makes the word "breeder" obnoxious. I prefer to say I "raise" Siamese—we love them, take good care of them, and let them grow into gentle beautiful creatures as God intended them to.

Not one of them would "rate" in a Cat Show according to today's standards (although our ten-year-old Pushkin is a Double Champion, having won those "honors" back in the years when things were different in the Cat Show world).

Be that as it may, the demand for our kits is greater than the supply, and I have a "wait-

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Cats Club and Show Reporter

NOVEMBER 10 and 11 on L. I.

The Long Island Cat Breeders Club has voted to hold its next show on November 10 and 11, 1956 at the Hempstead Armory, in Hempstead, Long Island, New York, under CFF rules. Judges will be announced later for All Breed, Shorthair Specialty and Longhair Specialty shows.

MARIN EDUCATIONAL SERIES

Guest speaker at the March meeting of the Marin County Cat Club (ACA) held at the Ross home of Drs. Duval and Mary Jaros, was Dr. Robert Orr, famous mammalogist of the Academy Of Sciences in San Francisco, and well-known lecturer. Dr. Orr, using reconstructed skulls and pelts as illustrations, traced the history of Felidae from the Felis Sylvestra and Felis Libica of many millions of years ago down to the wild and domestic cats of the present day. Special guests of the evening were Mrs. Orr and Capt. and Mrs. Blancheri.

This lecture was the first in the Marin Club's post-show-season educational series. The second of the series will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Deeths in Ross, at which time Dr. C. J. Peetz, of the Madera Pet Hospital will speak on the subject of feline diseases. The lecture will be followed by a question and answer period, which should prove to be of great benefit to the breeders and fanciers present.

GOLDEN WEST GAVE TROPHY

The Sacramento Cat Fanciers has asked us to report their regret for an error in their show catalog. The trophy for Best Novice in the All Breed show should have been listed as donated by the Golden West Cat Club, not by the Golden Gate Cat Club as shown.

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We regret the following errors and omissions in recently published show reports: Eastern Cat Fanciers, All Breed—Best OS Siamese was Singa Lindette, SP f., Mrs. Jeanne Singer. Marin County Cat Club, All Breed—Spring Mountain Cinderella, Smoke female who was Best Open and Best Silver is owned by Winifred C. Miles. Eastern Cat Fanciers, Longhair Specialty—should have read, "Best Ch—Rusty of Kitty Purr, red tby m, Mrs. Harry B. Gauntt, OS Ch—Casa Contenta Caprice, sil f., Margaret Lovett."

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Many of us knew of the existence of Anthony's weak heart, but the seizure on February 23, which claimed his young life, was none the less shocking. It was the sort of shock one at first refuses to accept, but reason, the ultimate victor, forces home the rejected truth.

I recall so vividly Anthony's first years in the Cat Fancy—his young mind eager and seeking, his whole being so filled with enthusiasm that it was actually contagious. I recall, too, his early set-backs and his determination to succeed. It is a matter of record that he did succeed, but the extent of that success was nothing short of phenomenal. One may look through almost any show catalogue in the country and find cats of his breeding or of his famous bloodlines.

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The status of Anthony DeSantis as a judge was unquestioned, and always working for him was an instinctive eye and feeling for cats. His many judging assignments attest to his popularity in this difficult field.

For many reasons we mourn the death of Anthony DeSantis, but most of all because of the loss of a truly fine person. Had his accomplishments come to naught, his character and great sportsmanship would have carved a special niche for him in the affections of his associates. I know I speak for all of us when I extend to the grieving parents our sympathy and compassion.

God rest you, Anthony.

—Rita Swenson

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Show Reports . . .

SEATTLE CAT CLUB (ACA) 16th Ch. Show, Seattle, Washington, Nov. 12-13, 1955. All Breed—Judge, Dr. Fern Smith. Best Cat, Best Ch., Best LH, Best SC—Prieta's Korla Fanda, blue m, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Thompson. 2nd Best Cat, 08 Silver—Ch. Chatani Laufer of Silver Dawn, sil m, Mrs. Max Eckenburg. 08 Cat, Best Silver, 08 LH, 08 Ch.—Calure Gals of Chatani, sil f, Irene Powell. Best Gr. Ch.—Wayside's Blue Legend, blue m, Helen McManus. Best Nov.—Wayside's Fidelity Imprint of Aron, blue m, Jim Lawhon. 08 Nov.—Worsley's Gille Machree, cr f, Ida W. Worsley. Best Open—Macushla's Pompette, bl cr, Mrs. George McCush. 08 Open, 08 SH, 08 Aby—Selene's Sha of Sherman, m, Maxine & Sherman Arps. Best Aby—Ch. Abigail of Sherman, f, Maxine & Sherman Arps. Best T&T—April Hill Navaho of Light Wing, red thy m, Mrs. H. H. Simmons. Best SH, Best Sia—Ch. Tempurra's Contessa of Dodys, FP f, Mr. & Mrs. George A. Brautlaucht. Best DSH—Purple Sage Zita of Kiva, sil thy f, Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Thompson. 08 DSH—Ch. Gilmore's Sir Thomas, sil thy m, Pearl R. Allison. Best Manx—Gilmore's Verna, tortie, Pearl R. Allison. Best Burmese—Kismet's Ay-Bee-Lachaw-Ga-Let-Ko, f, Betty J. Brewster. 08 Burmese—Ch. Folly Sabu, m, Mrs. Philip J. Aaron. Best R B—Ch. Folly Blue Peter, m, Mrs. Aaron. 08 R B—Ch. Folly Sonya, f, Mrs. Aaron. Best Kit—Driftwood's Wild Honey, blue f, Hazel F. Collins. 08 Kit—Silver Dawn's Danny Boy, blue m, Mrs. Max Eckenburg. Best Neuter—Francine Le Dauphin, Mrs. Stuart L. Puckett. Best Spay—Ting & Ling's Ying Ying, BP, Mr. & Mrs. Conrad C. Barr. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mr. Howard Casassa.** Best Cat, Best Ch., Best SC—Klinkhammer's Berdette, GE Wh m, Mrs. Chris Klinkhammer. 2nd Best Cat, Best Silver—Ch. Rio Casa's Pistoria, sil m, Irma Siegel. 08 Cat, 08 Ch., 08 SC—Montpellier's Madelon, blue f, Mr. & Mrs. Roy E. Allison. Best Gr. Ch.—Montpellier's Petit Victor, blue m, Mr. & Mrs. E. Montpellier. Best Nov.—Worsley's Gille Machree, cr f, Ida W. Worsley. 08 Nov.—Al-Jo's Donnie Boy, sh sil m, Mrs. J. F. Denend. Best Open, Best T&T—Macushla's Pompette, bl cr, Mrs. George McCush. 08 Open, 08 T&T—Lightwing Sundar Singh, brn thy m, Mrs. H. H. Simmons. 08 Sil—Iris Hill Pamela, smoke f, Mrs. Otto Friedli. Best Kit—Silver Dawn's Debutante, sil f, Mrs. Max Eckenburg. 08 Kit—Silver Dawn's Danny Boy, blue m, Mrs. Eckenburg. Best Neuter—Francine Le Dauphin, Mrs. Stuart L. Puckett. **SHORTHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mr. Casassa.** Best Cat, Best Open, Best Sia—Aladdin's Blue Ball-Rina, BP f, Mr. & Mrs. Homer Dixon. 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch.—Tempurra's Contessa of Dodys, FP f, Mr. & Mrs. George A. Brautlaucht. 08 Cat, 08 Ch., Best Burmese—Folly Sabu, m, Mrs. Philip J. Aaron. Best Nov.—Azure Gem of Chumel, BP f, Al & Jean Ulrich. 08 Nov.—John of Pickwick, blk DSH m, W. R. & R. W. Pickens. 08 Open, 08 Sia—Dody's Chin Suee, SP m, Mr. & Mrs. George Brautlaucht. Best DSH—Purple Sage Zita of Kiva, sil thy f, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Thompson. 08 DSH—Gilmore's Sir Thomas, sil thy m, Pearl R. Allison. Best Manx—Gilmore's Verna, tortie, Pearl Allison. Best Aby—Ta Lee Ho's Melodia of Sherman, f, Maxine & Sherman Arps. 08 Aby—Selene's Sha of Sherman, m, Maxine & Sherman Arps. 08 Burmese—Miss Burns' Yin II of Folly, f, Mrs. Philip Aaron. Best R B—Ch. Folly Blue Peter, m, Mrs. Aaron. 08 R B—Ch. Folly Sonya, f, Mrs. Aaron. Best Kit—Folly Sou Ha, Burmese f, Mrs. Aaron. 08 Kit—Nigger, blk DSH m, Mrs. A. H. Sweet. Best Neuter—Shaleh, SP, Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Davis. Best Spay—Muan Kaaw, Burmese, Mrs. Guy Navarre.

ROSE CITY CAT CLUB (ACA) 11th Ch. Show, Portland, Oregon, Oct 15-16, 1955. All Breed—Judge, Mrs. Ruth Lentz. Best Cat, Best Open, Best LH, Best Sil—Chatani Laufer of Silver Dawn, sil m, Mrs. Max Eckenburg. 2nd Best Cat, Best Nov, Best SC—Klinkhammer's Carousel, Odd E Wh m, Mrs. Chris Klinkhammer. 08 Cat, 08 Open, 08 SC, Best SH, Best Burmese—Kismet's Ay-Bee-La-Chaw-Ga-Let-Ko, f, Betty Brewster. 08 to 2nd Best, 08 Ch, 08 LH, 08 Sil—Lingah's Stardust, smoke f, Dale Rohlf, rd, 08 Nov.—Sul Mel's Son Kid, SP f, Mr. & Mrs. R. Lauren Miller. Best T&T—Ch. Gilmore's Sir Thomas Silver, 08 SH, Best Sia—Ch. Tempurra's Valiant of Sampl, FP m, Olaf Engelsen & Jay Herrett. 08 Sia—Ch. Mahoney Azrah, BP f, Alta & Virginia Merriss. 08 DSH—Queen Midnight, blk f, Mrs. Jim Page. Best Manx—Ch. Gilmore's Verna, Tortie, Pearl Allison. Best Aby—Selene's Sha of Sherman, m, Maxine & Sherman Arps. 08 Aby—Selene's Sheba, f, Knight's Cattery. 08 Burmese—Ch. Chin-Ki-Wong of Tang Wong, f, Merv G. Stevens. Best RB—Shermax Felkinkie, m, Maxine & Sherman Arps. 08 RB—Shermax Mikoya, f, Mr. & Mrs. Arps. Best Kit—Wycliffe High Noon, cr m, Mary Ann Goodwin. 08 Kit—Silver Dawn's Brenda, sil f, Mrs. Max Eckenburg. Best Neuter—Francine's Le Dauphin, LH, Mrs. Stuart L. Puckett. Best Spay—Jai-Alai, SH, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene L. Wright. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Ada May Miles.** Best Cat, Best Ch, Best SC—Klinkhammer's Berdette, GE Wh m, Mrs. Chris Klinkhammer. 2nd Best Cat, Best Open, Best Sil—Chatani Laufer of Silver Dawn, sil m, Mrs. Max Eckenburg. 08 Cat, Best Nov, 08 SC—Klinkhammer's Comette, GE Wh f, Mrs. Chris Klinkhammer. 08 to 2nd Best, 08 Ch, 08 Sil—Rio Casa's Ballerina, sil f, Irma Siegel. 08 Open—Bosyal's Blue Glory, blue f, Helen McManus. 08 Nov—Klinkhammer's Carousel, Odd E Wh m, Mrs. Chris Klinkhammer. Best T&T—Iris-Hill Majorette, brn thy f, Mrs. Otto Friedli. 08 T&T—Sonny Pal, red thy m, Mrs. T. Short. Best Kit—Silver Dawn's Brenda, sh sil f, Mrs. Max Eckenburg. 08 Kit—Klinkhammer's Paris, GE Wh m, Mrs. Chris Klinkhammer. Best Neuter—Francine's Le Dauphin, white, Mrs. Stuart Puckett. Best Spay—Ch Chatani Cameo, Smoke, Barbara Jo Ferguson. **SHORTHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Ada May Miles.** Best Cat, Best Open, Best Sia—Mau Tien's Little Moses, BP m, Arthur V. Fisher. 08 Cat, Best Ch, 08 Sia—Marayatra Tsung, SP f, Mrs. N. F. Bolinder. 08 Ch, Best SC, Best RB—Folly Blue Peter, m, Mrs. Philip Aaron. Best Nov, Best Aby—Selene's Sheba, f, Knight's Cattery. 08 Nov, Best DSH—Gilmore's Blue Mor, blue m, Pearl Allison. 08 Open—Sul Mel's Poa Su, BP f, Alta & Virginia Merriss. 08 SC, 08 RB—Ch Folly Felicia, f, Maxine

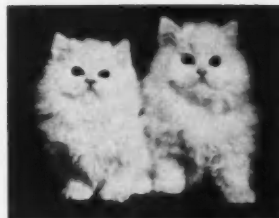
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Jan. 8, 1956. **All Breed**—Judge, Miss Dorothy Hunt. Best Cat, Best Gr. Ch, Best
L.H., Best SC—Rosemond Golden Boy, cr m, Mrs. Frances Kozierowski. 2nd Best Cat,
Best Ch—Silver Moth Price Necho, cr m, Harold Rathburn. OS Cat, Best Nov. GS
L.H.—Southland's Denise, blue f, Mrs. Foster Prather. OS Is Best, GS Best,
L.H. Silver Moth, blue f, Mrs. C. W. Smith. Best Clad, Mrs. C. W. Smith.
pague Boy, cr m, Mrs. Marie C. Meyer. Best Open—Citrus Ridge Petal Pasha, all
m, Mrs. Arthur Smith. OS Open—Silver Moth Roseaux, blue f, Mrs. Florence Kemmer.
Best SH, Best Sla—Ch Chirn Sa-hai Blue Na Ying, BP, m, Mrs. Dorothy Otten. 6th
SH, OS Sla—Ch Morningdale Ah La Wee, BP f, Mrs. Dorothy Otten.
Ch York of Chabon, blue f, Mrs. J. H. Simms. OS DSH, Mr. Bailey
of Atlanta, red m, Mrs. Paul R. Yopp. Best Manx—Ch Floridianus Tango, red

by m, Mrs. Maud Barney. OS Manx—Ch Floridanus Aurora, parti-color f, Mrs. Barney. Best Burmese—Be Ru Robin of Charmil, m, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Simms. Best RB—Nickolay of Flo Mar, m, Mrs. Florence Gates & Mrs. Margaret Pusey. Best Kit—Clar Mar's Rhapsody in Blue, blue m, Mrs. Blanche Tomlinson. OS Kit—Silver Moth Tanquill, bl cr, Mrs. Florence Kemmer. Best Neuter—Citrus Ridge Valentino, sh sil, Mrs. Ralph T. Mable. Best Spay—Silver Moth Bright Eyes, cr, Mrs. F. B. Potter. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan.** Best Cat, Best Gr Ch, Best SC—Rosemont Golden Boy, cr m, Mrs. Frances Kosierowski. Best Manx—Ch Dalai Jahl, SP m, Virginia Daly. OS SC—Southland's Desire, blue f, Mrs. Foster Prather. OS to 2nd Best, OS Ch—Citrus Ridge Tre Jur's Sir Echo, chin m, Mrs. Arthur Smith. Best Nov—Southland's Denise, blue f, Mrs. Foster Prather. OS Nov—Clar Mar's Champagne Boy, cr m, Mrs. Marie C. Meyer. Best Open—Kohinor Deloris, tortie, Gatos-Finos Cattery. OS Open—Kitten Kennels Kismet, blue m, Mrs. W. A. Latimore. Best Kit—Silver Moth Tanquill, bl cr, Mrs. Florence Kemmer. OS Kit—Clar Mar's Rhapsody in Blue, blue m, Mrs. Blanche Tomlinson. Best Neuter—Citrus Ridge Valentino, sh sil, Mrs. T. Mable. Best Spay—Kiva To-Cha of Dinton, sh all, Mrs. Clarence Day. **SHORTHAIRED SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. O'Donovan.** Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Sil—Morninglaid Ah La Wee, SP f, Mrs. Dorothy Otten. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, OS Ch, Best Manx—Floridanus Tangelo, brn thy m, Mrs. Maud Barney. OS to 2nd Best, OS Manx—Miami Honey Bee of Charmil, cr f, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Simms. Best Nov, OS Sila—Chirn Sa-hai Lo Lee, SP m, Mrs. Dorothy Otten. OS Nov—Mal Ling's Hiss Sandi, BP f, Mrs. Mae Robertson. Best DSH—Ch. Yolanda of Charmil, brn thy f, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Simms. OS DSH—Mr. Bailey of Atlanta, red thy m, Mrs. Paul L. Topp. Best Burmese—Be Ru Robin of Charmil, m, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Simms. Best RB—Nickolay of Flo Mar, m, Mrs. Florence Gates & Mrs. Margaret Pusey. Best Kit—Tee Ka Hae Yu, CP m, Mr. & Mrs. P. K. Kerr, Jr. OS Kit—Mal Ling's Nest Zee Ling, SP f, Mrs. Mae Robertson. Best Neuter—Zebe, Mrs. Gertrude E. Baker. Best Spay—Tizzy, Mr. Jack McKee.

SOUTHERN NEVADA CAT CLUB (ACFA) 1st Ch. Show, Las Vegas, Nevada, Jan. 21-22, 1956 ALL BREED—Judge, Dr. Ralph Boren. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best LH, Best Silver—Beverly Serrano Keo, chin m, Mrs. V. Osburn Peterson. 2nd Best Cat, Best Open—Starlight Silver Moon, sh all m, Claude Hoffman. OS Cat, OS Ch, Best SH, Best Sila—Sha Lin's Princess Ping Thai, SP f, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Anderson. Best Gr Ch—Tempura Yours Truly, BP m, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Birkett. Best Nov, OS DSH—Frigate of Nehaset, blk m, Richard Millhouse. OS Nov, Best Aby—Kasiyope of Nehaset, f, Richard Millhouse. OS Open, Best T&T, OS LH—Silver Vista Jade, sil thy f, Elissa Elder. Best SC—Angelina's Heart's Desire of Dee, blk f, Mr. & Mrs. Claude Hoffman. OS SC—Happy Bunting's Trumpeter of Delefs, blk m, Yvonne J. Leifermann. OS Silver—Ch La Chatta of Beverly Serrano, Mrs. V. Osburn Peterson. OS T&T—Golden Lancer, red thy m, Mrs. Jeannette Wheeling. OS SH, OS Sila—Judo's Mr. Long Tale, SP m, Ellen Berger. Best DSH—Boots, parti-color m, Patricia L. Buelow. Best Manx—Xantha's Velda, blk f, Mrs. Donald J. Cockeram. OS Manx—Xantha's Nicholas, blk m, Mrs. Cockeram. Best Burmese—Ch. Casa Gatos Tana of Hassayampa, f, Nan Pyle. OS Burmese—Regal Manipur of Hassayampa, m, Nan Pyle. Best Kit—Lywood Tommy Tucker of Beverly Serrano, blue m, Mrs. V. Osburn Peterson. OS Kit—Concordia Margo, smoke f, Mrs. John Porter. Best Neuter—Menelik of Nehaset, Aby, Ed. G. Knapp. Best Spay—Darlene, sh all, Mrs. E. J. Rissler. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. LaVona Wright.** Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Sil—Beverly Serrano Keo, chin m, Mrs. V. Osburn Peterson. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, OS Ch, Best SC—Hermescrest Zara of Concordia, blk f, Mrs. John Porter. Best Nov—Starlight Vagabond King, sh sil m, Mr. & Mrs. Claude Hoffman. OS Nov—Ginger Mine of Tabbyland, red thy f, Mrs. Jeannette Wheeling. Best Open, OS SC—Happy Hunting's Trumpeter of Delefs, blk m, Yvonne J. Leifermann. OS Open—Mimi La Blanche, sh sil f, Mrs. Ellen Shirdel. OS Silver—Ch. La Chatta of Beverly Serrano, chin f, Mrs. V. Osburn Peterson. Best T&T—Ch. Fiddler's Green Soubrette of Star-Light, bl cr, Mary Ann Maxwell. OS T&T—Golden Lancer, red thy m, Mrs. Jeannette Wheeling. Best Kit—Beverly Serrano Petite, chin f, Mrs. V. Osburn Peterson. OS Kit—Concordia Margo, smoke male, Mrs. John Porter. Best Spay—Darlene, sh sil, Mrs. E. J. Rissler. **SHORTHAIRED SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. LaVona Wright.** Best Cat, Best Gr Ch, Best Sila—Tempura Yours Truly, BP m, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Birkett. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Open, Best Manx—Xantha's Demetres, blk m, Mrs. Donald J. Cockeram. OS Cat, OS Open, OS Sila—Judo's Hiss Leah, BP f, Ellen Berger. Best Ch—Kosack's Choco-Ching-Ling, CP m, Mrs. Helen Kosack. OS Ch, Best Burmese—Casa Gatos Tana of Hassayampa, f, Nan Pyle. Best Nov, Best Aby—Kasiyope of Nehaset, f, Richard Millhouse. OS Nov, Best DSH—Frigate of Nehaset, blk m, Richard Millhouse. OS DSH—Hassayampa Storm Cloud, smoke f, Nan Pyle. OS Manx—Senza Coda Tizab of Sunnyslope, blue f, Miss E. Clark. OS Burmese—Regal Manipur of Hassayampa, m, Nan Pyle. Best Kit—Kosack's Lu-La-Lu, FP m, Mrs. Helen Kosack. OS Kit—Kosack's Choco-Vixen, CP f, Mrs. Helen Kosack. Best Neuter—Menelik of Nehaset, Aby, Ed. G. Knapp. Best Spay—Sistie, SP, John D. Nicholson.

MO-KAN CAT CLUB (CFA) 6th Ch. Show, Kansas City, Mo. Jan. 21-22, 1956. ALL BREED—Judge, Mrs. C. E. Carroll. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best LH, Best Silver—Shy's Castles His Royale Shyness, chin m, Mrs. Willard Shy. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Nov, Best SH, Best Sila—Medicine Lake Texas Rose, SP f, Mrs. Adolph Olson. OS Ch, Best T&T, Best DSH—Silver Girl of My Lo, sil thy f, Mrs. Frank Lockrey, Sr. OS Nov—Briargate's Davey Crockett of Meru, blk m, Mrs. J. H. Dingwerth. Best Open—Shy's Castle Barnaby, chin m, Mrs. Chester Brown. OS Open—Green Lane Vanessa, CP f, Ruth Coe Livingston. Best SC, OS LH—Ch Les Cygnes Me Too, OE Wh f, Mrs. Paul Swann. OS SC—Ch Shy's Castle Buzz, cr m, Mrs. Willard Shy. OS Sil—Silvermist Mitti Ko, sh all f, James R. Holwell. OS T&T—Elico's Sir Rascal, peke red thy m, Mrs. Beula Biederman. OS SH, Best Manx—The Churches Bo Bo San, m, Mrs. Ethel Kingsland. OS Sila—Livingston's My King, FP m, Ruth Coe Livingston. OS DSH—Ch Starry of My Lo, sil thy m, Mrs. Frank Lockrey, Sr. OS Manx—Ch Bessie Doty of Chesterfield, OE Wh f, Mrs. Ethel Kingsland. Best Aby—Ch Crago's Odeia of Livingston, m, Ruth Coe Livingston. OS Aby—Livingston's Flame, f, Ruth Coe Livingston. Best RB—Troika's Indigo Caesar, m, Cecily C. Mellor. Best Kit—Blu Ace Mr. Bif, blue m, Mrs. Wanda Scott. OS Kit—Kitti Platine, BP f, Mrs. Wesley Novak. Best Neuter—Ling Ming Yen, BP, Mrs. Jack Braley. Best Spay—Patti Poo Poo, blue, Mrs. Edward Cunneen. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. G. F. Retter.** Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Sil—Shy's Castle His Royale Shyness, chin m, Mrs. Willard Shy. 2nd Best Cat, Best Open—Silvermist Prince Valiant, sh sil m, Mrs. Chester Brown. OS Cat, OS Ch, Best SC—Blu Ace Greta, blue f, Mrs. Wanda Scott. Best Nov—Chesterfield Joyce of Kay Ru, blue f, Mrs. Willard Shy. OS Nov—Wallman's Nifty, smoke m, Mrs. H. J. Wallman. OS Open—Precious Tar Baby, blk f, Anna M. Milke. OS SC—Ch Blue Ridge Twinkle III of Blu Ace, blue m, Mrs. Wanda Scott. OS Sil—Silvermist Little Muffet, sh all f, Chester E. Brown. Best T&T—Kitten Kari Gipsy Queen, tortie, Mrs. Mary Nicholson. OS T&T—Elico's Sir Rascal, peke red thy m, Mrs. Beula Biederman. Best Kit—Blu Ace Mr. Bif, blue m, Mrs. Wanda Scott. OS Kit—Beula Biederman's Jewel, blk f, Mrs. W. H. Harrington. Best Spay—Patti Poo Poo, blue, Mrs. Edward Cunneen. **SHORTHAIRED SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Retter.** Best Cat, Best Nov, Best Sila—Medicine Lake Texas Rose, SP f, Mrs. Adolph Olson. 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch, Best DSH—Silver Girl of My Lo, sil thy m, Mrs. Frank Lockrey, Sr. OS Cat, Best Open, Best Aby—Sammy's Bebel Gold, m, Ruth Coe Livingston. OS Ch—Kosack's Suki, CP m, Mrs. Helen Kosack. OS Nov, OS Sila—Livingston's My King, FP m, Ruth Coe Livingston. OS Open, OS Aby—Ta Lee Ho's Regalia of Samdurf, f, Mr. & Mrs. L. D. Sample. OS DSH—Ch Starry of My Lo, sil thy m, Mrs. Frank Lockrey, Sr. Best Manx—Ch Bessie Doty of Chesterfield, OE Wh f, Mrs. Ethel Kingsland. OS Manx—The Churches Bo Bo San, OE Wh m, Mrs. Ethel Kingsland. Best RB—Troika's Indigo Caesar, m, Mrs. Cecily Mellor. Best Kit—Medicine Lake Boy, BP m, Mrs. Adolph Olson. OS Kit—Kitti Platine, BP f, Mrs. Wesley Novak. Best Neuter—Ling Ming Yen, BP, Mrs. Jack Braley.

BERESFORD CAT CLUB (ACA) 43rd Ch. Show, Chicago, Ill. Dec. 3-4, 1955. ALL BREED—Judge, Mr. Dimas Bianco. Best Cat, Best Open, Best LH, Best SC—Rosemont Golden Boy, cr m, Mrs. Frances Kosierowski. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, OS

LH, Best Silver, Best Ch—La Chatta of Beverly Serrano, sil f, Mrs. V. Osburn Peterson. OS Ch, Best SH, Best Aby—Chirn Sa-hai Ricki, m, Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan. Best Nov, Best T&T—Elico's Peke A'Laase, Peke red thy f, Ella Conroy. OS Nov—Arlene's Jo-Jo, smk m, Ruby Lane Taylor. OS Open, OS SH, Best RB—Casa Gatos Inga, f, Mrs. Alice Frisch. OS SC—Bancroft's Queen O'Diamonds, GE Wh f, Miss Darlene Sales. OS Sil—Alloupa Gorgous George, sh sil m, Mrs. W. H. Hall. OS T&T—Ch Eastmore Robyn Maroon, red thy m, Mrs. V. E. Peterson. Best Sila—Ch Dalai Jahl, SP m, Virginia Daly. OS Sila—Ch Ammon Ra's Little Fawn Da, SP f, Lillian Magnier. Best DSH—Silver Quest Vagabond King, OE Wh m, Kay Thoma McQuillen. OS DSH—Narcissus Silver Quest, GE Wh f, Kay Thoma McQuillen. Best Manx—Dol-Li-San of the Churches, Wh f, Mrs. E. T. Schaus. OS Manx—Willowrock Ebony, blk m, Angie Boughman. OS Aby—Selene's Soraya of Livingston, f, Ruth Coe Livingston. Best Burmese—Su-Ryan Burma Prince, m, Mr. & Mrs. Alberten Slater & Sandra. OS Burmese—Ch Su-Ryan Ma Hone Lin of Dalai, f, Virginia Daly. Best Kit—Elico's Major Mark Well, red thy m, Ella Conroy. OS Kit—Sundust Tudor Rose, CP f, Mrs. Alice DeFillipo. Best Neuter—Cyrus, SH, Mr. & Mrs. Fay A. Briles. Best Spay—Arlann Itti Bitti Boo of Wil-O-Mar, Capt. & Mrs. Wm. R. Brown. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Miss Floy McCall.** Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Silver—La Chatta of Beverly Serrano, sil f, Mrs. V. Osburn Peterson. OS Cat, Best Open, Best SC—Rosemont Golden Boy, cr m, Mrs. Frances Kosierowski. OS Ch—Favors Maxim of Beverly Serrano, sil m, Mrs. Naomi Favors. Best Nov, OS Sil—Arlene's Jo-Jo, smk m, Ruby Lane Taylor. OS Nov—Elico's Peke A'Laase, peke red thy f, Ella Conroy. OS Open—Favors Queen of Katnip Korner, sil f, Mrs. Naomi Favors. OS SC—Ayme-Tu-Wynn Lady Alice, blk f, Mrs. M. E. Thorne. Best T&T—Elico's Fire Chief, peke red thy m, Ella Conroy. OS T&T—Ch Blue Gables Glamour Girl, bl cr, Mrs. Marie Wilson. Best Kit—Elico's Major Mark Well, red thy m, Ella Conroy. OS Kit—Blue Gables Roebuck Too, bl cr, Mrs. Marie Wilson. **SHORTHAIRED SPECIALTY—Judge, Miss McCall.** Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Aby—Chirn Sa-hai Ricki, m, Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan. 2nd Best Cat, Best Sila—Gini's Balchil, LP m, Dr. J. S. Caldwell. OS Cat, OS Ch, OS Sila—Ammon Ra's Little Fawn Da, SP f, Lillian Magnier. Best Nov—Pittsling, SP f, Penelope Martin. OS Nov—Astra Maid-Sud of Nindara, SP m, June Sullivan. Best SC, Best RB—Casa Gatos Inga, f, Mrs. Alice Frisch. Best DSH—Silver Quest Vagabond King, GE Wh m, Kay Thoma McQuillen. OS DSH—Springbrook Netkati, sh sil f, Dr. J. S. Caldwell. Best Manx—Dol-Li-San of the Churches, Wh f, E. L. Schaus. OS Manx—Willowrock Ebony, blk m, Angie Boughman. OS Aby—Selene's Soraya of Livingston, f, Ruth Coe Livingston. Best Burmese—Su-Ryan Burma Prince, m, Mr. & Mrs. A. Slater & Sandra. OS Burmese—Ch Su-Ryan Ma Hone Lin of Dalai, f, Virginia Daly. Best Kit—Sundust Tudor Rose, CP f, Mrs. Alice DeFillipo. OS Kit—Blax White Cloud, GE Wh DSH m, Mrs. Veronica Blackstone.

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"SIAMESE" LH (from page 7)

and such a decided variation exists with the Siamese and the Silvers. The scrotum of the Seal Point male shows the finest development of the seal while the equivalent area of the female shows white. Conversely, the Silver males have a silver scrotum while the female area is outlined in black. Colors, as affected by the T-factor, could be arranged to show apparent dominance under the uniform temperatures prevailing until birth; thus:

black	↑	higher temperatures
blue		enhance domination
golden brown		
red	↓	lower temperatures
white		enhance domination
seal		

There are other differences in male and female structure which are not so readily observable, and these minor structural differences should be considered. For instance—the female has a thin layer of fat immediately beneath the skin—normal temperature at the skin layer is slightly lower than the male—consequently the same aggregation will not give the same results in the two sexes. The difference in structure explains the two lines, one male and the other female, which are incorporated into the chart. And it is the influence of the T-factor which causes the Siamese to be bred for type primarily. Siamese type demands slender legs, narrow muzzle, large ears, and a whip tail; all these factors are extreme conditions for the contrasting operation of the thermal factor on two colors. And, only the Seal Point and the Blue Point combinations are sufficiently striking to warrant the breeding of a LH variety.

Now, step three and four, to determine the selection of stock for the foundation of the new breed. Since seal and blue tend to be recessive and since the addition of LH to the strain is desired, it would be best to select a Burmese as the seal source and a LH Blue as the other source. The first cross of these two will form the foundation for the new breed and, at this point, it is immaterial which is the male. It is important to know that you are adding many times as much of either color as will be required in the finished product; but you're only interested in reducing those odds of 65,536 to 1 to something more reasonable. So, the selection of these two animals for the foundation stock.

Your Burmese should be a show type; points to watch in the selection of the Blue LH are as follows. The animal should be a good blue without traces of red or black-tipped hairs. The animal should be free of the "band" influence. A triple-banded hair is produced by a factor which removes a band of color from an off-center section near the tip. Assuming the natural color of the hair is blue then this influence, R, removes pigment from the section of hair and you

gain a three-toned hair which has a blue root-color, off-center pale blue band, then the blue tipped end. It will be necessary to examine the Siamese you intend to employ in the F-1 out-cross for this same influence. The R influence in combination with the other factors employed will result in vari-toned hairs of from two to five bands. If the R influence is kept from the stock, it will not be necessary to remove the factor later.

The F-1 generation should be apparently black. Since there will be a great deal of inbreeding later it would be advisable to use every opportunity for outbreeding at this stage. Now, the male and female lines are begun for the reasons discussed earlier. It will be at this point that you start influencing your stock for pattern—first the color, and now the pattern. The chart has been prepared for producing Seal Point LH's—if you wish Blue-points then substitute blue for seal in every instance. Consequently you mate a Siamese which is free of the "band" to a female hybrid and a female Siamese also free of the "band" to one of the male hybrids.

This is your F-2 generation. The odds have been reduced so that you now have a fifty-fifty chance of gaining the seal and white combination. Other unions are possible among which will be apparent blacks, blue and white unions, an apparently black-striped blue tiger, and the almost infinitesimal opportunity of securing an almost perfect Seal Point or Blue Point. From these litters you will select the best female seal and white from the female line and the best male seal and white from the male line. The mating of these two animals will give you the F-3 generation.

And it is with the F-3 generation that you begin your brother and sister trials. This will be the fifth step of the general procedure. *Once you have secured the seal and white mixture, the pattern will follow if you consistently mate those with the least seal influence. At the same time you select for type (according to your tastes) and coat (length).*

It will take a number of generations to breed back to the fine coat exhibited by the original Blue LH. But coat length is one of the persistent aggregates and continues to appear even as long as six generations later in breeds where a determined effort has been made to eliminate this influence. By continued effort you will have arrived at your goal of a completely "show-type" Longhair Siamese.

FORUM

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ing list" of many people wanting one of our kits . . . while the market hereabouts is flooded with these tiny Siamese that people don't want—even "for free"!

I sincerely hope the "breeders" will stop and ask themselves, "what are we doing?", and will start raising real Siamese again.

Ann M. Vanderlip (Mrs. Fred)
1016 Morgan St.
Lansing, Mich.

THE NOVICE

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as long as a male is not servicing the grease will not form. Now this greasy tail is not limited to males, but females as well will get this formation of grease. It is a thick heavy dark brown greasy substance that forms on the tail beginning close to the body and working its way up to the tip. If this is not removed, it will seriously affect the growth of the fur. It is our belief that it has nothing to do with stud service but has other causes. Let's take humans for instance. Look at all the cosmetic advertising. There are creams for dry skin, rough skin and oily skin. Commercial go on and on telling of the virtues of the creams and how much they are needed. Well, cats, like people, have dry skin and oily skin. Some have skin more oily than others. This is how the grease on the tail forms. The excess oil all gathers right at that spot, why, I don't know. However, there it is and what can we do about it? Some people sprinkle talcum or boric powder on the tail believing this will absorb the grease. The method of removing this grease that we have found to be best is: rub in some baby oil to loosen the heavy grease then bathe the tail only with Vel. This is a very simple method and does a very thorough job. It applies to not only the males, but, the females as well. Everytime you notice this grease, get it off right away. It is very simple and not a hard job at all.

We all know that our basements are generally cooler than any other part of the house and one should think this would be ideal for housing our cats. Although it is cooler, I believe it to be the wrong place to keep the cats. There is coolness, but, along with it, there is a certain dampness that is not good for the health of the cat. It would be better to keep them in a warmer place than to endanger their health in a cellar.

Outside catteries are fine if they are properly thought out. If the cattery is built up off the ground so that dampness will not penetrate into the quarters you would have an ideal arrangement. You must bear in mind that your cats are very valuable and it is not asking too much to protect their health. A prize possession is worth having and keeping, so why risk uncertainties. It is a strange thing, but many of us who have inside catteries wish we had outside catteries, while those who have them outside often wish they were inside. I rather imagine a discussion of the location of the cats could go on and on with good points and bad points brought up over and over.

Most of us do everything within our means to keep our cats healthy and happy. But it is only by explaining our methods to each other that we can find the best means of eliminating some of the bad conditions and poor treatment that do exist. That is the reason for these articles. I try to point out that it is very simple to take proper care without entailing too

much work, and that if proper medication is given many cats who would otherwise die may be saved.

Have you given any thought to my suggestion of establishing a fund for scientific research on the welfare and health of cats?

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Starting this month, we will from time to time answer a few of the questions of general interest that are sent in to us. We can not answer every question this way, because the space is limited, but if you will enclose a stamped, addressed envelope with your inquiry, we will give you a personal reply.

Katherine H. Halloran, New York: How can I register a new line of Siamese kittens, the mother of whom has never been registered? *First find out if you can obtain registration papers on the mother. If not, obtain a registration blank from the recorder of the association of your choice (all five have regular advertisements with addresses in CATS). Fill in as much as you know about her father and mother. Next take the cat and the registration paper to a notary public. Swear that the mother is a Siamese cat and send this to the recorder. She will give the mother a foundation number and you will then have the beginning for pedigreed cats. After this, fill out new registration forms for the kittens and send them in for registration. It takes three full generations to wipe out the foundation number and gain the stud numbers.*

Bernard Monge Acost, Saranac Lake, N. Y.: I am leaving the country by plane, and would like to take my cats with me. What is the correct procedure? *First take your cats to the veterinarian and obtain certificates of health, enteritis vaccine shots, and rabies shots. Get the certificates in five copies each. Next contact the airlines for transportation. You are permitted to take cats along with you for a small additional charge. Get sturdy carriers to carry them in. Use a sanitary pan in the carrier and take along some canned food with you to use when needed.*

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INCISION

vanished. When I think of the operation these days, I try to forget how painful it is to play God to a creature whose ancestors were gods. Instead I try to remember how she insisted on removing her own stitches and attribute that act of hers to the do-it-yourself influence.

And I recall how they still think of her at the animal hospital—the quietly friendly white cat the progress of whose convalescence was indicated by the enthusiasm with which she scattered litter from her sanitary tray. When the soiled stuff was discovered yards from the door of her cage, they knew she was ready to go home.



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The Back Fence . . .

Somehow, in the chaos that we call editing, a clipping from one of our kind readers was mislaid. If memory serves, it went something like this "Two kittens need home. Clean, lovable. May be persuaded to do light mouse work".

The Cat Fancy has never gone in for "working cats" but the Memphis and Mid-South Cat Fanciers Club instituted such a class at their last show. The magazine *SPORTS ILLUSTRATED* in their February issue, did a fine job in covering it:

To test the cats' working abilities, a maze was constructed of wood and chicken wire. Each cat was permitted to sniff at four little mice at one end of the maze, then taken to the other end and induced to enter it. The cat that reached the other end in the shortest time would be the winner—a disappointed one, however, for the cat was not allowed to catch the mice.

First entry was Cavalier, the Zephyr Awning and Product Company's claim to fame. Cavalier covered the course in two minutes.

Georgette, the *Press-Scimitar* and Memphis Publishing pressroom cat—mouser de luxe and expectant mother was next. Living amid the roaring presses made Georgette oblivious to the chattering crowds and the excitement, and she breezed through the first opening, went straight to the second—darted through the third—hesitated a moment at the fourth—started to enter a cul-de-sac, but backed out—and hurried through the last two with confidence and time to spare. One minute and 48 seconds was marked up.

Black Vulcan of the Vulcan Iron works, refused to move from the first opening, (his real specialty is cricket hunting) and was retired by default after two minutes of stalling.

Camshaft's Flywheel (H&H Stamping Co.) was really eccentric and had to be removed after 3:15 minutes of wandering.

Calico of Anderson-Mulkins Antiques started out fine, but decided to come out the way she went in, and Memphis Steam Plant's mouser, Smokey Joe, stayed planted when they sat him down at the starting gate.

Georgette, the winner, (and incidentally her kittens are all promised even if it proves a record litter) now owns a large silver platter—and may it always be full.

The one humiliating note is that one of the five mice escaped from the cage, the show, the Champ and 160 other cats. It recalls an item from Detroit *Michigan's Free Press* of a patrolman, Wayne Champine, being called to a home to remove a live bird from a residence. On arrival, Mr. Champine was surprised to see the family cat huddled in a corner of the living room. The patrolman promptly ousted the feathered intruder of the feline's

domain and was rewarded with howls of vicarious triumph from scaredy cat.

"Friends, lend me thine ears." Propitiously bringing to mind, Caesar. Caesar, the Official Library cat of the Willoughby Eastlake public library, i.e. He had come to the library, homeless, and the librarians fed him. The *News-Herald* told his story and many people sent in contributions enabling Caesar to live like the king for whom he was named.

Last summer, a thin and sickly little female cat was noticed by the library staff. Despite their efforts to feed her, she continued to live like a wild animal. So busy hunting small mice and grasshoppers was she, that there was no time for beauty treatments and she was indeed a sorry bit of kit. But Caesar fixed that. One day he brought her to the library, and as he sat beside her, she ate from his dish.

From then on, she would share Caesar's food, but still remained terrified of any human. Then, tragedy struck. Caesar was hospitalized for several weeks and his friend never visited the library while he was gone. But when he returned, so did the lady. Slowly she allowed the staff to become friends with her. And as she had more time now that her meals were being served, she began cleaning herself up a little.

Not too long ago, she gave up her outdoor life and moved into the library. She chose the seclusion of the basement. Even more recently, Caesar and his lady gave unmistakable notice of intent to marry. So the friends of the pair have given the name of Abbie to Caesar's wife . . . Plutarch and Shakespeare both say that Caesar's wife should be above suspicion. Above-Suspicion—the barbarian that Caesar civilized. The Willoughby, Ohio *News-Herald* reports the happy couple honeymooning in the basement of the library.

Proving, that aside from some isolated cases, our American cats aren't too abused. This, according to Fay Emerson in the New York *World Telegram & Sun*, is not generally believed to be true in Russia. An NBC News' Moscow correspondent, Irving R. Levine tried to bring a Russian cat back to a friend in the United States and met with the following experience.

He went confidently to a pet shop and asked to buy a Siberian cat—a large gray, fluffy, handsome animal. The proprietor was amazed that anyone would want to buy a cat. He was sure you just—shrugging—get a cat.

Mr. Levine tried bureaus—the kind that dispense things like cars and houses. They had never had a request for a cat and could only suggest getting a cat through a family who had a cat.

Friends of Mr. Levine finally came to his rescue. A friend of a friend knew a woman whose cat was about to have kittens. Perhaps there he might find one.

The woman, when contacted, beamed at a fellow cat lover. Mr. Levine vowed the cat would have a good home and offered to remunerate the owner for the pet. Then he mentioned he was taking the cat to America.

"V AMERIKA!" the woman screamed . . . (inferring he was going to butcher the poor thing) "And the cat pregnant, too! I would never, never send an expectant cat to America."

Mr. Levine came back to these shores without the Siberian cat and no doubt full of wonder at the press releases of the fate of pregnant cats in America, and at the Detroit *News* reprint from a London paper about the Champion Russian Blue named Pavlovitch who went completely neurotic when his owner, Miss Marjorie German took off on a six day cruise and left him to brood at home.

On her return she noticed he would not eat, nor would he get up. Noises set him off like a rocket. The veterinarian pronounced it a nervous breakdown. Miss German explains that he understands everything that is said and if it is something that worries him, he bottles it up inside.

Britishers, being the fervored cat lovers that they are, take their cats' problems seriously. The London *Observer* printed a letter from a lady of Somerset saying that a breeder told her that wool-eating Siamese do it to comfort themselves when they are left alone. His answer—get two Siamese. Her two cats now steal brussels sprouts and onions and knock over reading lamps, but praise the Lord, the breeder proved right, and her tweeds are safe.

Another Londoner reports her female kitten eats in ever-increasing quantities, needleloom carpet (only second grade, though), silver paper, apples, Camembert (very ripe, please), newspaper, string and a lot of cigaret ash. "She is eight months old and apart from an indescribable lunatic tilt to her head, she seems quite well."

An article by Earl F. Wegmann in the Detroit *News* states that science has more or less proven if your cat is suffering from regression, suppression or is a depressive, catatonic or extrovert manifesting any psychoses, *YOU ARE TO BLAME*. There have even been cases where a cat will turn to alcohol, when available, the same as a frustrated human who can't find the answers.

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☞ Vitamin B₁ is sensitive to heat. And Puss 'n Boots is of course thoroughly cooked, to maintain absolute purity. After long study and experimentation, a method was found to add the Vitamin B₁ to Puss 'n Boots and to keep it stable.

Now — Natural Life Balance plus added Vitamin B₁

☞ Puss 'n Boots Cat Food is made from finely ground, fresh-caught *whole* fish (not parts or by-products), with selected cereals added for all-round nutrition. The natural life balance of nutrients, as it existed in the whole fish, is preserved intact for cats. Now, with added Vitamin B₁, Puss 'n Boots provides a margin of safety. Its benefits will be shared by all cats to whom it is fed regularly, but they will be especially apparent in cats requiring Vitamin B₁ supplementation.

Puss 'n Boots may be bought at food stores and pet shops everywhere, in two handy sizes.

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